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Emerging change and possible futures: eliminating blindspots

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Agenda

- Nine megatrends
- Six key uncertainties
- Five mind-stretchers
- Eliminating blindspots



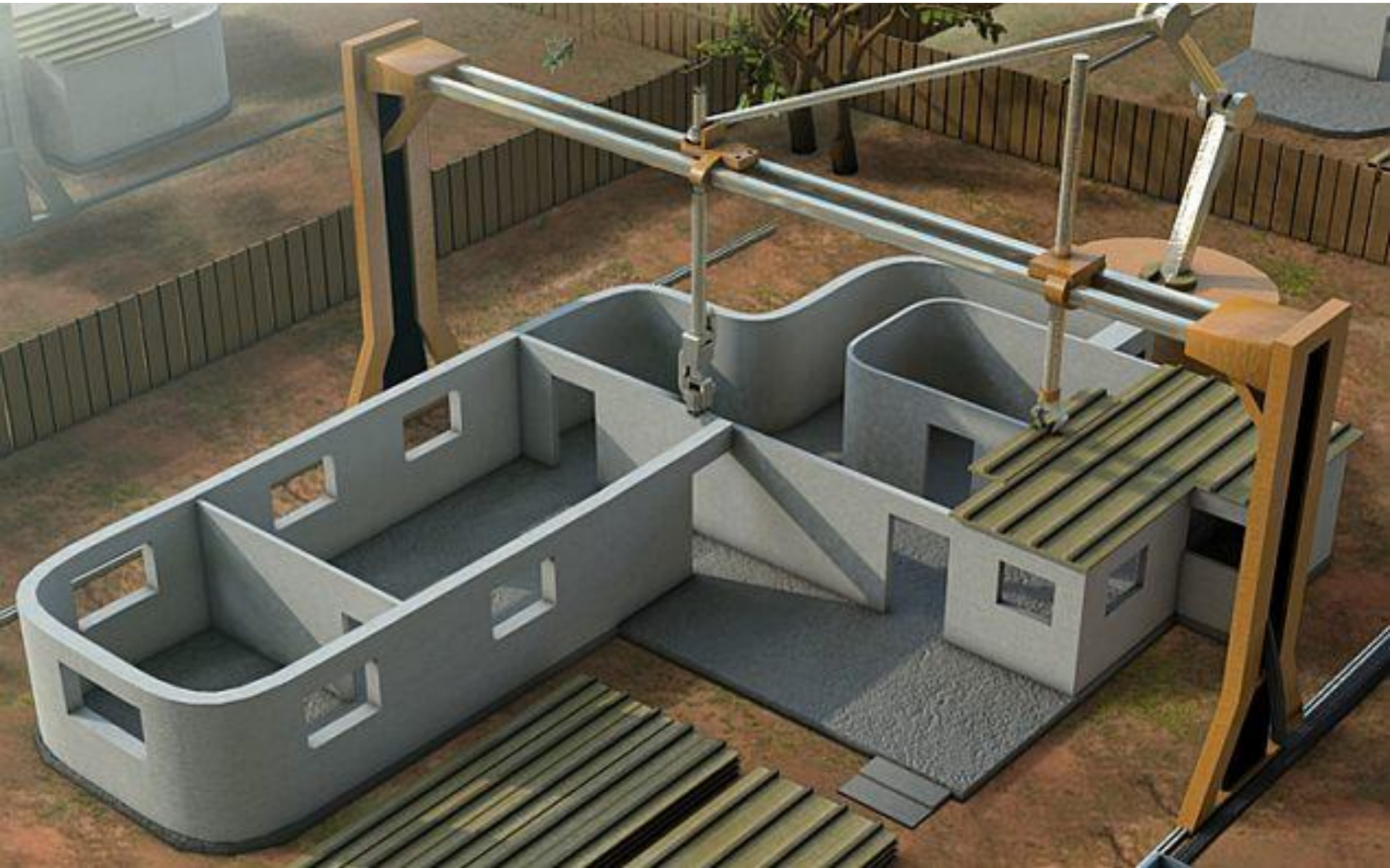




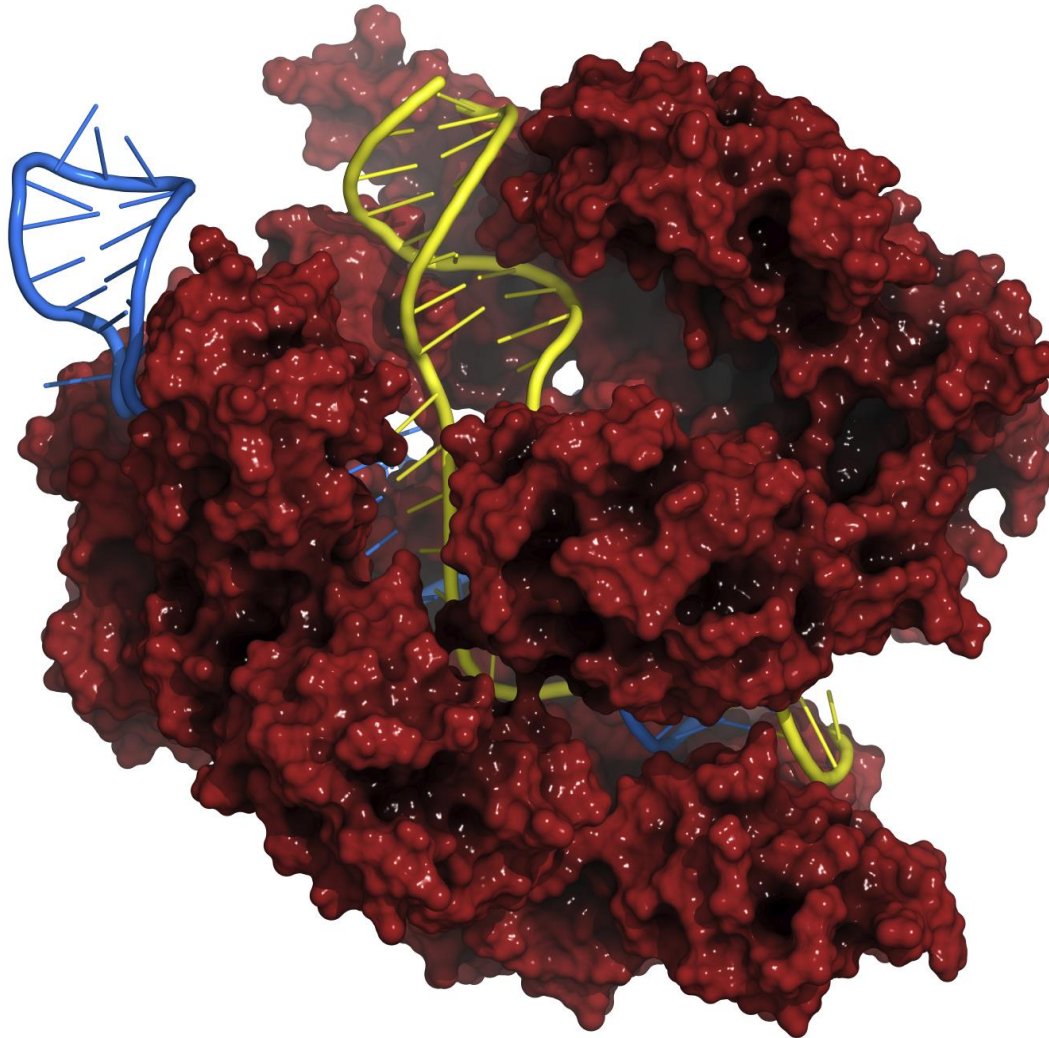














KEY UNCERTAINTIES

- *Brexit* – hard vs soft, economic collapse vs stability
- *Korean peninsula* – negotiation vs not so ‘limited’ war
- *Africa* – corruption vs democracy
- *Global corporate regulation* – business vs governments
- *Local politics* – nationalism/extreme identity movements vs progressivism
- *AI/robotics* – death knell for middle class vs unlocking of human potential

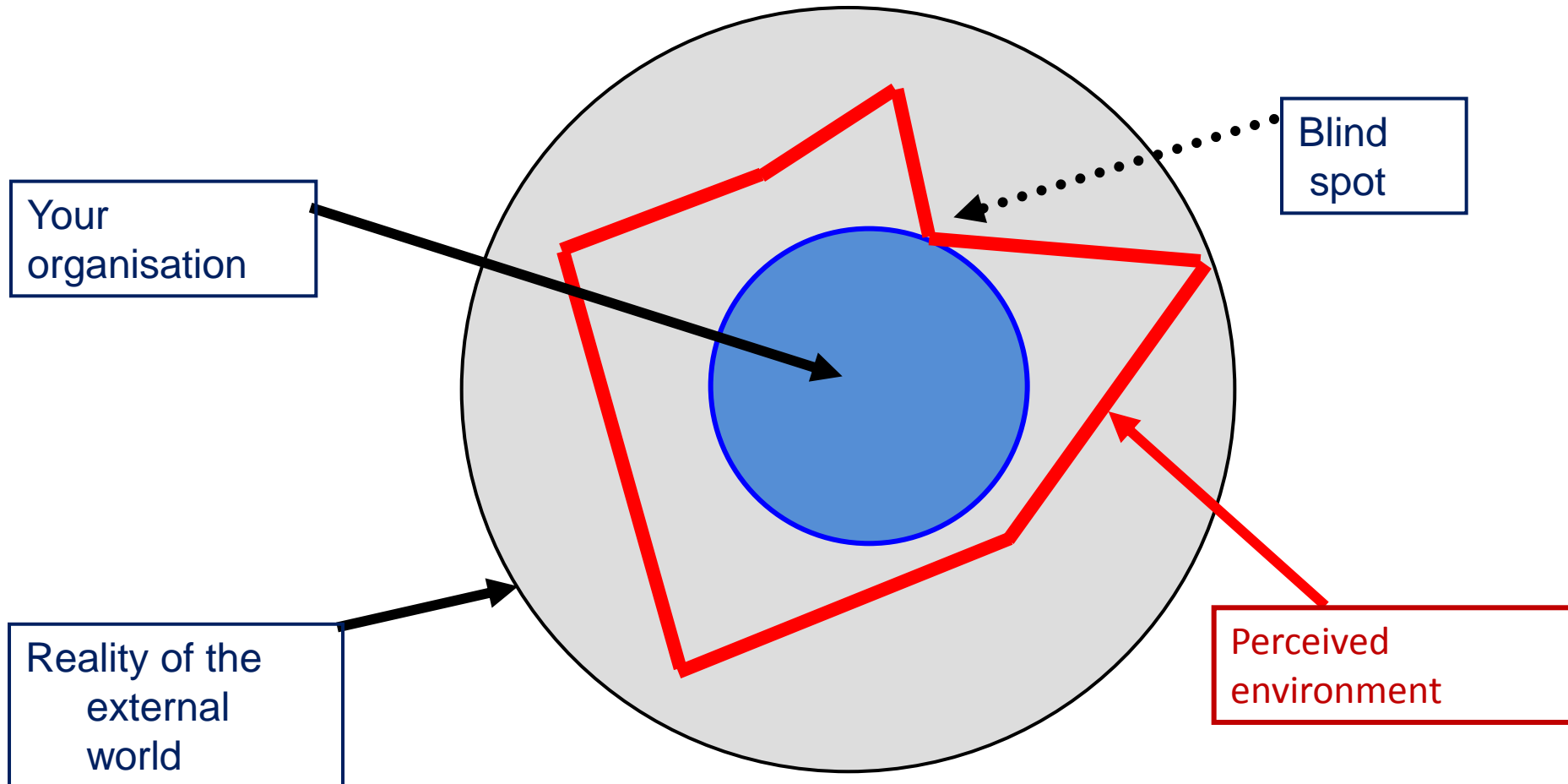


MIND-STRETCHERS

- Emergence of an ‘internet of energy’ – use of microgeneration, decentralised micro-grids
- Emergence of alternative financial, contracting and governance structures via innovations like blockchain
- Emergence of AI used for governance (Big Data, smart cities, evidence-based policy-making)
- Human performance enhancement including mechanical assists, embedded digital technologies, pharmacological assists, and genetic re-design of human capabilities
- Geo-engineering (‘geo-hacking’) to address extreme climate breakdown impacts

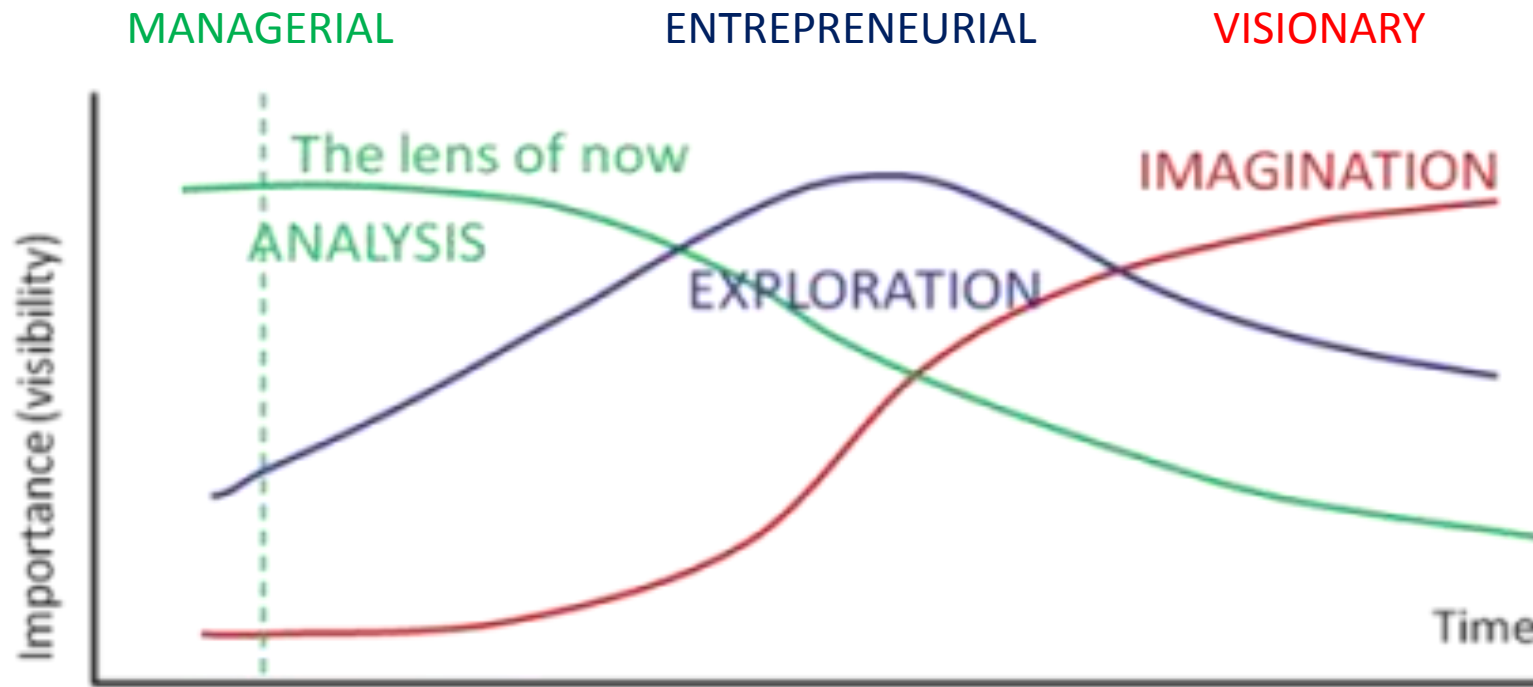


FUTURES THINKING – HORIZON SCANNING





FUTURES THINKING – THREE HORIZONS



HORIZON ONE – the current state of play; current operating assumptions

HORIZON TWO– conflict/creativity; incremental adaptation, entrepreneurial innovation

HORIZON THREE– emerging signals of change, disruptive / transformative ideas



...may you live
(and work)
in interesting times.

Thank you!

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